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SUBJ: TAN WAH PIOW AND ASYLUM IN BRITAIN

1. TAN WAH PIOW, FORMER PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE STUDENTS UNION WAS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 20 STRAITS TIMES TO BE SEEKING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN BRITAIN. TAN DISAPPEARED IN OCTOBER 1975 AFTER SERVING ONE YEAR JAIL SENTENCE FOR "RIOTING" DURING SINGAPOREAN LABOR DISPUTE. HE HAD BEEN GIVEN THREE DAYS GRACE AFTER JAIL RELEASE BEFORE INDUCTION INTO ARMY. HE APPARENTLY ENTERED U.K. THIS YEAR AND FILED FOR ASYLUM LAST MONTH. WE ARE NOT AWARE IF GOS HAS REQUESTED TAN'S EXTRADITION. HE REPORTEDLY IS PRESENTLY ON GOS "ARREST ON SIGHT" LIST DUE TO AVOIDANCE OF NATIONAL SERVICE.

2. AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT CONFIRMED IMPOSSIBILITY OF EXTRADITION ON NATIONAL SERVICE GROUNDS; U.K. HICOM DISCLAIMS ANY ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF CASE. FOR LONDON: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON STATUS OF POLITICAL ASYLUM REQUEST. HOLDRIDGE

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